

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claim 10 is requested to be cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 6, and 11 are currently being amended. Claims 18-24 are being added. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of canceled claim 10.

This amendment adds, changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Applicants appreciate the indication of the allowance of claims 13-17 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-6 and 9-12.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3 and 7-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yokozeki (U.S. Patent No. 6,573,485). Claim 1, as amended, recites that a fixing apparatus comprises, *inter alia*, a first resonant circuit including a first coil as a structural element, a second resonant circuit including a second coil as a structural element, and a driving circuit for driving the first and second resonant circuits at a plurality of frequencies, wherein the first and second resonant circuits have different resonance frequencies, and the plurality of frequencies include a first frequency and a second frequency different from the first frequency, and wherein the first frequency is different from the resonance frequency of the first resonant circuit by Δf .

In contrast to claim 1, Yokozeki fails to disclose or suggest a driving circuit for driving the first and second resonant circuits at a plurality of frequencies, wherein the plurality of frequencies include a first frequency and a second frequency different from the first frequency, and wherein the first frequency is different from the resonance frequency of the first resonant circuit by Δf . In particular, since claim 10 was indicated to be allowable subject matter over Yokozeki, Yokozeki necessarily fails to disclose or suggest that the first frequency is different from the resonance frequency of the first resonant circuit by Δf .

Accordingly, claim 1 is patentably distinguishable from Yokozeki. Claims 2-3 and 7-8 are also patentably distinguishable from Yokozeki by virtue of their dependence from claim 1, as well as their additional recitations.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

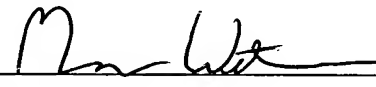
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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